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Group Art Unit: 3729

Serial No.: 09/986,574

Examiner: **CHANG, Rick Kiltae**

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For: **CRIMPING APPARATUS AND WIRE
HARNESS MANUFACTURING METHOD**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 25, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **February 27, 2003**, which requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group (I), Claims 1 to 5 and 11 and 12 drawn to a crimping apparatus; and Group (II), Claims 6 to 10 and 13 drawn to a method of manufacturing subharnesses using a crimping apparatus.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group (I), embodying claims 1 to 5, 11 and 12 in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicant's right to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §§120 and 121 is hereby retained.

As regards the claims of Group II, the Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that the instant patent application is a divisional application from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/974,554, filed November 19, 1997 (Now U.S. Patent No. 6,360,436) in which claims 6 to 10 and 13 drawn to a method of manufacturing of a subharness were prosecuted.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 6 to 10 and 13 be canceled from this patent application and that the prosecution be processed on the basis of claims 1 to 5 and 11 and 12 elected hereof.

It is believed that an action on the merits is now in order and the same is respectfully requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be changed to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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